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WITH OUR EXCHANGES.

There seems to be no doubt but that oil has been found in Pensacola and the citizens of that city are jubilant over the prospects.

Tom Watson, of Georgia, is busily engaged in writing a book on the life of Napoleon Bonaparte. Mr. Watson is a writer of note.

A negro desperado was shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff Reichard, of Alachua county, last Friday night. The negro was under arrest and attempted to escape.

The Fraternal Union of America will have a gala day at the State Fair in November. It is said that 8,000 members of the order will participate.

The Orlando Sentinel-Reporter is responsible for the statement that "for every bull bat that you have killed you can be made to pay the insignificant sum of five dollars each."

A New York judge decided that a bachelor, living in a bachelor apartment house, is not "a family," if he prepares his own breakfast. What is it if someone else prepares the breakfast?

A State paper says, "Major Healey, manager of the State Fair, played a trump card the other day, when he cordially invited the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor to hold their next annual meeting in Jacksonville on the fair grounds during the progress of the fair. A meeting of the leading spirits of the society was held in Jacksonville Tuesday night, at which was present E. S. Upham of South Lake Weir, to consider the invitation. It was accepted, and was agreed to invite the Epworth League and the Baptist Young People's Union Associations of the State to meet with them and the attendance is expected to be very large. The object of this gathering on the fair grounds is to show to the good christian people of the State that this aggregation of agricultural resources will be conducted on a high moral plane and should have the encouragement and support of all good people."

Exempt From Taxation.

State Comptroller Croom has mailed out to tax assessors and all others interested the following circular letter:

"The law provides that all property of the State shall be exempt from taxation, and that when land is sold to the State for unpaid taxes the title thereto shall, at the expiration of the time for redemption, vest in the State without the issuing of any tax deed.

"Notwithstanding the fact that these provisions of the law are clear and explicit, the tax assessors and collectors have in many instances assessed and sold land which had already been once sold to the State, thereby causing great expense to the State for advertising, commissions, etc., which should never have been incurred. This practice must be discontinued and the law strictly adhered to.

"Lists of all lands acquired by the State under sales for unpaid taxes are now on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and all tax sale certificates covering said lands will be on file in said office by September 2, 1901, so that you can ascertain at any time the description of the lands belonging to the State.

"In order that there may be no misunderstanding as to the course that will be pursued at this office, you are notified that the cost of advertising, commissions to assessors and collectors, and fees to collectors for tax certificates will not be paid in any case when the land assessed, advertised or sold shall be the property of the State, or shall have been sold to the State the year previously and not redeemed, either at the time of the assessment, advertisement or sale."

Special Notice.

We are sending out a large number of copies of THE NEW ENTERPRISE for the purpose of introducing it to the public. If your postmaster hands you out one you need have no hesitancy in accepting it. It is sent out with the hope that after a perusal of its columns you will think enough of it to send in your subscription.

Nearly one-third of our exports of the past year were products of the Southern States.

Even the millwrights shouldn't scorn common sense.

RICE CULTURE.

A Bonanza to Southern Farmers. One of its Peculiarities.

Probably the greatest element in the transformation of the industry of rice growing from a small and insignificant beginning to what is recognized today as one of the leading and best paying industries in the southern states may be found in the extensive system of irrigation that has been established in the last few years. The most sanguine believers in rice culture never expected to see the many inexhaustible streams and bayous with which the prairie region abounds and which connect the large bodies of fresh water lakes and bays lying close to the gulf coast utilized for irrigation purposes on account of the high lift from these streams, which in many instances is from 20 to 60 feet. In consequence thousands upon thousands of acres of high land that were supposed to be inaccessible for this purpose have proven to be a "bonanza" to their owners. They have on this account suddenly developed an intrinsic value that readily places them by the side of the most valued agricultural lands in the United States.

The difference between rice culture and other agricultural pursuits is that a rice planter grows nothing else. He does not want to do so, for the product from one acre of rice will buy several acres of corn, oats, hay, etc. Therefore he buys all of his feedstuff except possibly a portion of his rice straw, which when properly saved and cured is used instead of hay. The rice farmer is not a competitor as regards any other crop grown in our state. In fact, he has gone on to lands heretofore unoccupied, and, being a good consumer, he is creating a market for great quantities of corn, oats and hay. In fact, he goes farther than this and buys practically everything to eat and wear. He can afford to. Rice farming also takes just that much corn and cotton land from use for these crops and pushes up the notch of diversification as regards this state.

The acreage in southeast Texas this year will probably reach 60,000 acres, and preparations are now under way to increase it to 100,000 acres next year, which will represent an output of not less than \$3,500,000 worth of rice. Every indication points to the maintenance of present prices, which are quite satisfactory to the producers.

Thousands of acres are rented to tenants for crop rent, and there is no crop grown that pays them so well. There is no road to a home quicker than rice farming. It is nothing uncommon for tenants to buy their own farms with the results of one year's work, says a writer in Texas Farm and Home.

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